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Martin Returns from Productive Visit to Washington, D.C.
Meets with key leaders, secures release of \$2 million

STAMFORD, CT – Mayor David Martin returned to Stamford last Friday after attending the U.S. Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C. As part of his visit, Martin took the opportunity to meet with several federal officials to discuss Stamford's priorities and secure federal funding.

"The visit to Washington, D.C. was an important opportunity to engage in a dialogue with fellow mayors and, more importantly, meet with several federal officials to discuss Stamford's priorities. It was a productive trip gaining support for several important initiatives for the city," Martin said.

One of the highlights of the visit was the release of \$2 million to the City of Stamford for the reimbursement of costs for Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts, which Martin secured after meeting with officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The release of the funds had been stalled for several months prior to Martin's intervention.

Martin also conducted productive meetings with officials in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Transit Administration, and the Economic Development Administration.

As part of the conference itinerary, Martin participated in several discussions and meetings at the U.S. Conference of Mayors including the workshop "Five Things Financially Responsible Mayors Need to Know," Education Reform Task Force, Council on Metro Economies and the New American City, Transportation and Communications Committee, Advanced Manufacturing Task Force, and Childhood Obesity Prevention Awards Luncheon.

Martin spoke with Secretary of Education Arne Duncan about the need for increased federal support for communities with a high degree of diversity, such as Stamford. He also spoke with Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx about Stamford's transportation needs.

On Thursday, Martin visited the East Room of the White House, where he and fellow mayors listened to remarks from President Obama and Vice President Biden. Following

the visit, Martin attended the Latino Awards Dinner, attended by mayors with large or growing Latino populations.

“I had the opportunity to meet with many mayors from across the country who also lead cities with vibrant Latino communities and it was an honor to participate,” Martin said.

Martin met several of the other Connecticut mayors in attendance, including Mayor Finch of Bridgeport and Mayor Segarra of Hartford. On Friday morning, all Connecticut Mayors in attendance were invited to breakfast with Senator Chris Murphy, where they discussed federal priorities and debriefed the conference.

Mayor Martin will follow-up on a number of items and continue building Stamford’s relationships with federal agencies.

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